

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Noll on 10/7/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 4 and 7 are cancelled.

Claim 12 A method to input and electronically store data for a medical clinical study, comprising the steps of:

through user interaction with a processor, generating a customized input platform program comprising programming instructions that operate a computer workstation having a display, that cause a collection of computer input fields to be presented at said display with said computer input fields configured only and precisely for entry, into a computer at which said input fields are displayed, of the data that is necessary for a specific medical clinical study;

from said processor, electronically distributing said customized input platform program; ~~in a framework of an electronically storable medical~~ to respective storage locations established by said customized input platform according to the DICOM standard, to at each of a plurality of computer workstations each having a display,

respectively located at input locations with which patients participating in the specific medical clinical study interface;

upon interfacing at one of said input locations with one of said patients, entering a characteristic identifying that patient into the computer workstation at said one of said input locations and, via the computer workstation, automatically calling and activating said customized input platform program solely for said specific medical clinical study solely by entry of said characteristic into said computer workstation;

via said display of said computer workstation at said one of said input locations, providing data for said specific medical clinical study only by making entries, through said computer workstation, in respective input fields of the collection of input fields caused by said customized input platform program to be presented at the computer at the display of the computer workstation at the input location; and electronically storing the data entered via the customized input platform program to generate an electronically accessible database for said customized input platform program and making said database electronically accessible to participants in said specific medical clinical study.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Using an input program that is specifically customized using DICOM standards to provide a collection of input fields configured only and precisely for entry of data for the particular

medical clinical study in question, i.e., the particular medical clinical study for which the input platform has been customized.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure:

Umen et al., U.S. Patent 5,734,883

Noble et al., U.S. Patent 6,729,882

Brummel et al., U.S. Pre-Grant Publication 2002/0035487

Stefanescu et al., U.S. Pre-Grant Publication 2003/0013951

Califano et al., U.S. Pre-Grant Publication 2003/0033168

Brackett, U.S. Pre-Grant Publication 2003/ 0206646

Turner et al., U.S. Pre-Grant Publication 2005/ 0110788

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEAL R. SEREBOFF whose telephone number is (571)270-1373. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon thru Thur from 7:30am to 5pm, with 1st Fri off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Luke Gilligan can be reached on (571) 272-6770. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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